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## **“Promises” (14)**

*“...[God] has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.” (2 Peter 1:4)*

### **Promise of Paradise**

**Luke 23:39-43** – (39) “One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, ‘Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!’ (40) But the other rebuked him, saying, ‘Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? (41) And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.’ (42) And he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ (43) And he said to him, **‘Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.’**”

Paradise – (Paradeisos) A Park, Orchard, an Eden (pleasure)
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### **Paradise – Impact Times of Intense Revelation**

**2 Corinthians 12:1-4** – (1) “I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. (2) I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. (3) And I know that this man **was caught up into paradise**—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— (4) and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter.”

“You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”  
(Psalm 16:11)

<b>Paradise is Found in the Presence of Jesus Christ</b>
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## **Paradise – Inheritance of the Overcomer**

**Revelation 2:7** – “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.”

“Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. And he said to me, ‘These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.’” (Revelation 22:1-6)

### **Questions:**

What impacted me the most in this message?

Can this world offer us a true “paradise”? (1 John 2:17; Eccl. 2:1-11)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)